

Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

May 28, 2013

Present:

Tom Callahan, St. Vincent de Paul
Lois Callahan, St. Vincent de Paul
Bob Davis, Jackson Area Ministries
Patty Peck, Advocate
Mickey Hanselman, Advocate – Village of Moscow
Jennifer Bieger, United Way of Greater Cincinnati
Bob Weaver, St. Vincent de Paul
Chris Kelson, American Red Cross
Kathy Coulson, Park National Bank
Pam Broughton, Clermont County EMA
Beth Nevel, Brown County EMA & Washington Township Trustee
Sandy Keiser, Catholic Charities of SW Ohio
Jim Dinkel, Lutheran Disaster Response, All Saints Lutheran Church
David Legg, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Linda Carter, Advocate, Village of Moscow

On the Conference Call:

Thalia Ghighlia, Church of Scientology

Report from Chair – Jim Dinkel

This is the last general meeting of the LTRC. The few remaining open cases are nearing their completion. The LTRC needs to identify a permanent storage location for the casework documentation.

Financial Report

Current Balance: \$14,798.33

Paid:	Ohio VOAD Membership fee	\$50.00
	Lowes	\$411.85
	Lowes	\$2,393.65
	Scott Wolf – Storage	\$500.00

Beth has additional receipts for the new build.

The LTRC applied for \$15,000 from the United Way. It was approved. The check will be sent to Park National Bank. This will provide the funds to complete the new build.

Report from Vice Chair – Beth Nevel

The Tri-State Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) has established a call-out process for the COAD Action Team (CAT). The CAT will be the point of contact for the EMA to activate the faith-based and non-profit partners to assist with the transition from short-term recovery to long-term recovery. Following the last COAD meeting, case worker training was provided. We need more case workers to vet cases for true needs.

The group discussed lessons learned from the Moore, Oklahoma tornado. As a community, we need to be resilient because the federal government cannot afford to pay for all disaster relief. We will need to support relief efforts at the local level. Moore Oklahoma tornado highlighted that the volunteer and donation needs will change (e.g. what is

needed in the first 3-4 days is different than what will be needed 1-6 months later). It also reinforced that no one should self-deploy and the need for responders to be self-sufficient. Oklahoma has provided rebates for safe-room construction, but safe room construction is very expensive especially for schools. Head trauma is the most-common cause of death in a tornado.

The group discussed ways to engage schools in preparedness such as including safe rooms in newly constructed schools and providing a list of recommendations for schools to implement such as providing flashlights to teachers. As the demand for tornado shelters increases, the cost should decrease. Tornado warning lead time has greatly improved giving residents more time to take action. The Ohio Attorney General requires schools to submit school emergency response plans.

Report from Secretary – Pam Broughton

We are still working on the last edition of the newsletter. We would like to recognize the contribution of the individuals and organizations that have participated in the long term recovery effort. Each organization was asked to gather data on what their individual organization contributed to the effort. Please send this information to Pam Broughton at pbroughton@clermontcountyohio.gov.

Clermont County EMA will be submitting applications for the FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Awards to recognize the Volunteer Reception Center and the LTRC. The applications are due June 5, 2013.

Anyone with feedback or lessons learned on Donations Management, Volunteer Management, and/or Spiritual and Emotional Care, please send them to Pam at pbroughton@clermontcountyohio.gov.

Other News

The next Tri-State COAD meeting is June 18th. The meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 10 am at the American Red Cross. The Tri-State COAD offered to store the LTRC documentation.

Tammy Simendinger graduated from Northern Kentucky University.

Ohio VOAD will continue to monitoring and audit the LTRC Fund. The treasurer sends in quarterly reports.

Village of Moscow is in need of volunteers to assist with grading and leveling vacant properties in the Village.